

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-85. (Canceled).

86. (Currently Amended) Device for positioning a tool in relation to an object to be processed, the device comprising:

a toolholder element suitable for bearing said tool and movable along a registration direction in which said tool is moved towards and away from said object[[,]];

an adjustable member movable in a sliding direction transversely of said registration direction so as to be operationally associatable with said toolholder element; and

an abutting member suitable for tightening said toolholder element against said adjustable member, said toolholder element being interposed between said abutting member and said adjustable member along said registration direction;

wherein said adjustable member comprises a block actuated to slide in said sliding direction by an adjusting arrangement and provided with a tilted face suitable for interacting with a correspondingly tilted active surface of said toolholder element, said face and active surface being tilted in relation to a vertical plane; and

wherein said abutting member translates said toolholder element in said registration direction which is transverse in relation to said sliding direction.

Claims 87-88. (Canceled).

89. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim ~~[[87]]~~86, wherein said abutting member comprises a further tilted face suitable for interacting with a further correspondingly tilted active surface, opposite said active surface, of said toolholder element, said further face and further active surface being tilted in relation to a vertical plane.

90. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim ~~[[87]]~~86, wherein said adjusting arrangement comprises a micrometric screw member rotatively coupled with said block.

91. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim ~~[[87]]~~86, comprising a frame arrangement, and wherein said block comprises an abutting surface sliding on ~~[[a]]~~said frame arrangement ~~of said apparatus.~~

92. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 86, comprising a frame arrangement, and wherein said abutting member comprises a further abutting surface sliding on ~~[[a]]~~said frame arrangement ~~of said apparatus.~~

93. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 86, and furthermore comprising an actuating device arranged to transfer said abutting member between a work position, wherein said abutting member interacts with said toolholder element, and a rest position, wherein said abutting member does not interact with said toolholder element.

94. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 93, and furthermore comprising a further actuating device arranged to move said toolholder element, when said abutting member is in said rest position.

Claims 95-122. (Canceled).

123. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 86, wherein said tool comprises an etching knife of an apparatus for the production of caps.

Claims 124-170. (Canceled).